

Hongkong, 31st January, 1859. [4]

Volunteer corps to man them, is receiving the attention of the Government.

2.—It is considered that if this corps consisted of 40 or 50 members, there would probably be sufficient to act as a nucleus. On the emergency arising, it is thought that a further supply of Volunteers would be forthcoming, who in a short time would acquire sufficient proficiency.

3. Briefly stated, the conditions of service in the Volunteer corps would be that members will, for the benefit of the colony, undertake to attend drills at least once a month, and in the case of threatened war place themselves at the disposal of the Government without reserve.

4. The organization of the corps would be somewhat on the lines of the Royal Naval Volunteers and the Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, and they would be required to serve in the special vessels provided for the defence of the colony.

The officers would receive commissions from the Governor, and an allowance to help towards providing themselves with the authorized uniform. They would be expected to acquire a competent knowledge of their duties, and to give proper attention to the drills of the corps. They will receive the pay of their rank when called out on actual service, and provision will also be made for officers and men disabled on service.

The men of the corps will be provided with uniforms at the Government expense, and, when on service, will receive pay according to their rank.

Officers and men will be required to conform to such regulations as may be made from time to time by the Governor, and, when on actual service, will be subject to the provisions of the Naval Discipline Act.

Any Volunteer may, except when on actual service, quit the corps on giving ten days' notice of his intention, and delivering up any property belonging to the corps which may be in his possession.

The drills will comprise the working of the machine guns carried by the vessels provided, as well as rifle, pistol and cutlass drill, as carried out in the Royal Navy; in addition to this, the officers and petty officers will be trained with a view to rendering them capable of taking command of any vessel in the service of the corps.

5. With a view towards ascertaining whether the raising and institution of such a force is practicable, the Government hereby invite offers from candidates for enrolment in the corps, the decision as to whether the undertaking is proceeded with or not depending on the number and character of the offers received.

Communications should be addressed to the Colonial Secretary.

By Command,
FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th January, 1889.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinion expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE DISTRESS IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—I venture to appeal through your columns for prompt assistance on behalf of the distress in Shantung. The autumn crops of 1888 were almost wholly destroyed by heavy rains, so that the people who always live from hand to mouth are now reduced to an extremity. In the low-lying marshy districts they have plucked the seeds and leaves of a weed which grows wild there. These they make into villainous looking cakes, tasteless as paper, which they eat, and thus sustain life. Others boil and eat the green grass-sprouts of the spring corn, or mix chaff, bran and husks with their scanty store of grain. But all the expedients are but temporary, and will not last until the next harvest. Some have already exhausted their stock of food, and deaths from cold and starvation are by no means uncommon. Thousands have emigrated to Shensi where land is reported to be abundant, and the population scanty, but many more have no means of moving, and are selling their land, their houses, their wives and their children to obtain food. The price of grain is steadily rising, and the officials have undertaken no systematic relief. Unless substantial help comes from abroad without delay, hundreds must miserably starve to death, while it is to be feared that some in desperation will be foolish enough to put up the growing corn, thus destroying their prospects of a harvest in May. This was done by some in Shansi during the great famine of twelve years ago. Until the end of next May there will be hundreds of men, women and children who will have nothing to live upon but what may be supplied by extraneous help, and who, if this be not forthcoming, must miserably die of starvation.

The public in Shanghai and the Northern ports have already liberally contributed towards the relief of the distress caused by the floods in Honan and Manchuria. The distress in this region is therefore greater than can be covered by local help, and I on this account direct my appeal to the generously disposed among your readers.

Subscriptions may be sent here direct, or paid in to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to the credit of R. C. Forsyth Esq. Famine Fund, Shanghai.

Yours truly,
C. SPURGEON MEDHURST.
English Baptist Mission,
Tsing Chen Fu, Chefoo, 17th January, 1889.

THE FAMINE IN NORTH CHINA.

The Rev. J. Webster of the Scotch Mission, dating from Moukden on the 5th January, appeals for assistance, and gives the following account of the terrible distress existing in that district:

"The distress in this neighbourhood, occasioned by the disastrous floods of August last, is very great, and is fast reaching a crisis. During those floods the whole of the southern portion of Feng-tien was swept of almost every trace of grain, while in the northern provinces of Kirin and Tsai-tai-bar and the eastern valleys of the southern provinces the drought of early summer and the unusually early descent of hoarfrost, have left but a mere fraction of a crop. The consequence is that grain has risen to an almost unprecedented price, and the people who, even in ordinary years, have difficulty in making ends meet, are feeling sorely the pinch of poverty, although they have not suffered directly the loss of houses and crops, while hundreds of thousands, men, women, and children, are in a state of abject destitution."

"The extent of the territory over which the distress is extreme is very wide, and there is no portion of it that can be more forlorn, than the district extending from Moukden southwest to the T'ai-wu river—a distance of 120 miles as the crow flies. During the floods the loss of life and property in this locality was exceptionally heavy, on account of the peculiar nature of the disaster. In this case it was not merely an exceptionally high water mark, the banks overflowing and causing partial destruction to crops and houses; in the immediate neighbourhood of the river, it was black dust, had come as a godsend to others. The saddest cases were the poor women with three or four little children about them, often one at the breast. Once we came across a widow with six, almost naked, babies. The mother was weeping bitterly while the children clamoured for food. She was feeding them in turns from a dish containing some cold black porridge made of the ground husk of buckwheat, the gift of a neighbour in distress. In another house we found five families huddled together in two small chies, the total humanity being forty. Sixteen children under ten were squatting on the kang shivering, some of them crying from hunger and cold, no food, no fire, almost no clothing. Two women were ill, 'Shang-han' fever, it was said."

"The comparative absence of sickness was remarked with satisfaction. In most cases there was a little millet stalk or branches of trees for firing. The winter has been unusually mild up till now, and only once has the temperature been below zero. The clothing of the people was of the scantiest description and had the cold been as severe as in former years many must have inevitably been frozen to death."

"I spent something over \$100 of my small store, reserving the balance against a day, not far distant, when the struggle for life will be even more terrible than now. We relieved over 50 families, sufficient to keep them alive for a month. Of course it is but a drop in the bucket; still it helped some. At a few weeks hence I contemplate going down through the heart of this northern famine district carrying out as far as the means at my disposal will admit the system of relief I have indicated above. If I had the means, a vast amount of the unmitigated misery might be relieved, and thousands of poor women and helpless little ones saved from death. Let it be remembered that there is little time to lose. In about 20 days from now the crisis will have arrived, and I appeal for funds to enable us to meet it, and in some measure tide it over."

MACAO.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)

Macao, February 3rd, 1889.
With reference to the preparations going on in the neighbourhood of Chin-shan, I am at a loss to understand what the intentions of the Chinese Government are but I know for certain that the place has had a new wall built around it at a cost of 75,000 taels. Inside the enclosure there are dugging up a canal which is to communicate with the river, and outside it a vast area is being levelled and prepared, probably for houses to be built thereon.

The new Income or Industrial tax which was to be levied on Chinese shop-keepers and traders in Macao has been suspended, and the old system of licences provisionally re-adopted.

CHILDREN starving to death on account of their inability to digest food will find most marvellous food and remedy, in Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites. Very palatable and easily digested. Read the following testimonial:—"I have prescribed 'Scott's Emulsion' in cases of children suffering from wasting and mal-nutrition and can report most favourably of its good effect; it has been in each case taken most readily."—W. PERKINS, M.R.C.S., Medical Superintendent, Budeigh Hospital. Any Chemist can supply it.—A. S. Watson & Co. (Limited), agents in Hongkong and China.—[Adv.]

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAISANG,"

Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 5th February, at DAYLIGHT. This Steamer has Superior First Class Accommodation, specially constructed to meet the requirements of tropical climates.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1889. [143]

STEAM TO MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"NANZING,"

Captain Talbot, will be despatched as above, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th inst., at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1889. [168]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"CARDIGANSHIRE" will be despatched for the above Ports, on the 10th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1889. [168]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE Sale of RURAL BUILDING LOT

No. 72, advertised to take place To-morrow Afternoon, is POSTPONED until further notice.

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th January, 1889. [136]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

WEEKLY SPOON COMPETITION. 600 Yards, 10 Shots. Entrance Fee 10 Cents payable on the ground, next SATURDAY, the 9th February, 4 O'CLOCK. Cartridges allowed one shot extra. ON THURSDAY AFTER-NOON the Range is reserved for Practice at 800 and 900 Yards.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1889. [58]

HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

GENTLEMEN interested in Athletics are invited to attend a MEETING to be held on WEDNESDAY NEXT, at 6 P.M., in the Gymnasium of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, in order to receive accounts for the past year and elect Officers and arrange the programme for this Year's Meeting.

CHAS. H. THOMPSON, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1889. [174]

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"PEKING," Captain G. Heusermann, will be despatched for the above Port, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th instant, at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1889. [169]

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"OANFA" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 9th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 9th instant, at 4 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 9th inst., will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 A.M. TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1889. [167]

THE SONGEI KOYAH PLANTING CO., LIMITED.

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on TUESDAY, the 19th instant, at 12.30 p.m.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1889. [171]

Masonic.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the 5th February, at 8.30 to 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1889. [147]

Intimations.

JURY LIST, 1889.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Provisions of Section 4 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1882, I have this day caused to be posted, in the Court House, a List of all men ascertained by me to be liable to serve as JURORS.

The said List will remain so posted for the term of one fortnight, and after that Person may, as the case shall be, apply by notice in writing to me requiring that his name, or the names of some other Person or Persons may be respectively either added to, or struck off, the said List, upon cause duly assigned in such notice.

ALFRED G. WISE, Acting Registrar.
Registry Supreme Court, Hongkong, 1st February, 1889. [160]

NORTH CHINA Famine Relief Fund.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be happy to RECEIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS to the above fund and transmit same to the Shanghai Committee.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1889. [151]

MASONIC BALL, 1889.

A MASONIC BALL, under the Auspices of the DISTRICT GRAND LODGE of Hongkong and South China, will be held at the CITY HALL, on FRIDAY, the 15th February.

Brothers desirous of inviting Guests are requested to send the names of their friends to the undersigned.

The Subscription is limited to \$10 for Masons and \$5 for each Guest invited (non-Masons) and \$5 for each Guest invited (non-Masons) and \$5 for each Guest invited (non-Masons).

HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL \$300,000, DIVIDED INTO 30,000 SHARES, OF \$10 EACH.

OF WHICH 15,000 SHARES ARE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

(The remaining 15,000 Shares have been taken up on the same terms as the Shares now offered to the Public.)

PAYMENT TO BE AS FOLLOWS:—ON APPLICATION \$5. ON ALLOTMENT \$5.

The Balance at call (on One Month's notice being given as required to meet drafts for purchase of Plant and other wise for the purposes and the extension of the business of the Company.

Applications for shares, accompanied by a deposit of \$1 per share, must be sent in to THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or before the 12th day of February, 1889.

For prospectus and for forms of application for shares, apply to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, or to Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Dated the 24th day of January, 1889. [174]

KOWLOON HOTEL.

J. C. L. ROUCH, Manager.

WINE and SPIRITS of the best quality, ENGLISH and AMERICAN BRANDY, TABLE BOWLING ALLEYS, TENNIS LAWN, &c.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1889. [114]

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 7 per cent, and Bonus of 1 per cent, or \$1.60 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after MONDAY, the 4th instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants. By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary. [164]

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1889.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF EXPIRY OF OPIUM FARM.

THE EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OF BOILING AND PREPARING OPIUM AND SELLING AND RETAILING OPIUM so Boiled or Prepared will CEASE on the 28th day of February, 1889. No boiled or prepared Opium purchased from us or our Licensees can be used after the 3rd day of March, 1889, at Noon, without the consent of the New Holder of such exclusive privilege as aforesaid.

Dated 26th January, 1889.

KHOO TEONG POH, AND CHEAK TEK SOON, Opium Farmers.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 7th February, at Noon, to receive a Statement of the Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1888, and the Report of the General Managers, and to discuss any matters that may be completely brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th instant to 7th proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1889. [125]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on MONDAY, the 18th of February, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts, to the 31st of December, 1888.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from 5th to the 18th of February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1889. [165]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road, Victoria, at THREE O'CLOCK, on the AFTERNOON, of TUESDAY, the 10th February, 1889, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1888.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th Proximo to the 19th Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1889. [139]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 3.15 O'CLOCK P.M., of the 19th day of February, 1889, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

RESOLUTION.
That Article No. 9 of the Articles of Association be altered by eliminating therefrom the words "One Hundred Thousand" and substituting therefor the words "One Hundred and Fifty Thousand."

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1889. [140]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of February next, at 12 O'CLOCK, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1888.

By Order of the Court of Directors, G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1889. [130]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 9th, to SATURDAY, the 23rd February next, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1889. [131]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 25th February, instant, at 12 O'CLOCK (Noon) to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1888, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 24th day of February instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1889. [119]

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 35.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,

the 11th day of February, 1889, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th January, 1889. [135]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 11th day of February, 1889, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

No. of Registry	No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Annual	Upset Price
Inland Lot No. 1,415	102	Rutter Street Tai-ping-shan	N. 158 feet. S. 114 feet. W. 738 feet. E. 48 feet.	158	3,600

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 37.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 13th day of February, 1889, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th January, 1889. [137]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of February, 1889, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

No. of Registry	No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Annual	Upset Price
Inland Lot No. 1,414	103	Sing Wong Street	N. 55 feet. S. 18 feet. E. 55 feet. W. 135 feet.	18	4,000

Notices of Firms.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

M. R. G. E. NOBLE has been appointed CHIEF MANAGER of the Bank from the 1st January, 1889.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1888. [41]

NOTICE.

M. R. JAMES HENRY MACLEHOSE and Mr. J. DE SONNAVILLE were admitted PARTNERS in our Firm on 1st January last.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1889. [157]

ON and after the 1st February, I shall practice at VICTORIA BUILDINGS (basement) Queen's Road.

ARTHUR B. RODYK, Solicitor.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1889. [144]

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—169 per cent.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$120 per share, sellers.
 China Insurance Company—\$80 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 290 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$120 per share, sellers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 97 per share, buyers.
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$365 per share, buyers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$81 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 36 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$223 per share, ex. div. sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—178 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$170 per share, nominal.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—123 per cent. dis. buyers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$66 per share, buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$207 per share, sellers.
 Luon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$85 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$101 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$124 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$97 per share, buyers.
 Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.
 Punjion and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$11 per share, and sales buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—90 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Tongquin Coal Mining Co.—100 per cent. premium, buyers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—250 per cent. premium, nominal.
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$45 per share, sellers.
 The Seng Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$45 per share, buyers.
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$45 per share, sellers.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, nominal.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—20 per cent. dis. buyers.
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$60 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/01
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/01
 Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 3/01
 Bank Bills, at 4 months sight 3/01
 Credits at 4 months sight 3/12
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight 3/14
 ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 47 1/2
 Credits, at months sight 47 3/4
 ON INDIA.—T. T. 218
 On Demand 220
 ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 714
 Private, 30 days sight 721

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul... \$680
 (Allowance, Taels 4 to 32).
 OLD MALWA, per picul... \$690
 (Allowance, Taels 16 to 32).
 NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest... \$580
 NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest... \$584
 NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest... \$593
 NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest... \$575
 NEW BENGAL, (without choice) per chest... \$575
 NEW BENGAL, (bottom) per chest... \$577
 NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul... \$550
 OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul... \$500
 OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul... \$475

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Register.)
 To-day.
 Barometer—p.m. 30.9
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 Thermometer—p.m. 57
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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, with the American mail, left San Francisco on the 15th ultimo, and is expected here on or about the 15th instant.
THE CANADIAN MAIL.
 The steamer *Parthia* left Vancouver for Japan and China on the 22nd ultimo.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The D. D. R. steamer *Iphigenia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore at noon on the 28th ultimo, and may be expected here on the 4th instant.
 The 'Shire' line steamer *Cardiganhire*, from London, &c., sailed from Singapore for this port on the 2nd instant, and is expected here on the 9th.

The 'Glen' line steamer *Glenlyon*, from London, left Singapore on the 2nd instant, and is due here on the 9th.
 The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Maria Teresa*, from Trieste, left Singapore on the 2nd instant, and is due here on the 9th.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer *Khiva* left Bombay on the 26th ultimo, and is expected here on or about the 10th instant.
 The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Menelaus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and is due here on the 10th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
 SHANNON, British steamer, 1,162, G. R. Edwards, 2nd Feb., London 20th Dec., and Singapore 28th January, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 OANFA, British steamer, 1,270, W. S. Thompson, 2nd Feb., Glasgow, via Liverpool, and Singapore 27th January, General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

CAMORTA, British steamer, 1,335, A. A. Fyfe, 3rd Feb., Singapore 26th Jan., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 MITAPPA, British steamer, 1,454, J. B. Purvis, 3rd Feb., Nagasaki 29th January, Coals.—Takasima Colliery Co.
 AMOV, German steamer, 814, R. Kohler, 3rd Jan., Wuhu 30th January, Rice.—Siemens & Co.
 FALABAH, British steamer, 1,068, W. B. Harding, 3rd Feb., Marseilles 6th Nov., and Saigon 28th January, Petroleum.—Hewett & Co.
 TAIWAN, British steamer, 1,109, T. H. Clegg, 3rd Feb., from Surabaya, Sugar.—Butterfield & Swire.
 PAKSHAN, British steamer, 835, J. Young, 3rd Feb., Singapore 25th January, General.—Chinese.
 CHINA, German steamer, 1,093, P. Hays, 4th Feb., Saigon 30th January, General.—Woo Lee.
 HANGCHOW, British steamer, 999, Outerbridge, 4th Feb., Wuhu 29th January, Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.
 VORWARTS, German steamer, 612, T. Bruhn, 4th Feb., Kobe 28th January, General and Coals.—Wieler & Co.
 NANZING, British steamer, 808, R. Talbot, 4th Feb., Manila 1st February, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 OXUS, French steamer, 2,390, Guiraud, 4th Feb., Shanghai and Feb. Mails and General.—Messageries Maritimes.
 TEJO, Portuguese gunboat, Commander Caminha, 4th Feb., from Macao.
 TRISTOS, German steamer, 1,142, A. Bleicken, 4th Feb., Saigon 29th Jan., Paddy.—Ed. Schellhaus & Co.
 SKIPTIMA, German steamer, 733, P. Hansen, 4th Feb., Saigon 29th Jan., Rice.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Amigo, German steamer, for Samarang.
 Diamante, British steamer, for Manila.
 Formosa, British steamer, for Amoy.
 Taisang, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
 Oanfa, British steamer, for Bangkok.
 Victoria, British steamer, for Nagasaki.

DEPARTURES.

February 3, *Chingwa*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
 February 3, *Hideyoshi Maru*, Japanese steamer, for Port Cockburn.
 February 3, *Iris*, British schooner, for Singapore.
 February 3, *Amoy*, British str., for Whampoa.
 February 3, *Kitty*, British bark, for San Francisco.
 February 4, *Soochow*, British steamer, for Hongkong, &c.
 February 4, *Dardanus*, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.
 February 4, *Shannon*, British str., for Shanghai.
 February 4, *Hangchow*, British steamer, for Whampoa.
 February 4, *Formosa*, British str., for Amoy, &c.
 February 4, *Chowfa*, British str., for Bangkok.
 February 4, *Oanfa*, British str., for Shanghai.
 February 4, *Diamante*, British str., for Manila.
 February 4, *Fushun*, Chinese steamer, for Whampoa.
 February 4, *Patrolus*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Shannon*, str., from London for Hongkong.—Mrs. Anderson, Dr. Kühne, Hon. C. P. Chater, Mr. J. Laprak and 2 sons, Messrs. Rose and native servant, Maidland, and H. Mason. From Gibraltar.—H. E. T. da Silva (Governor of Macao), and Miss da Silva and maid, Lieut. and Mrs. C. Vieira. From Penang.—Mr. Chin Ah Heang and native servant. From Singapore.—Lieut. A. G. Vincent and servant, and Mr. Parsamul. From London for Shanghai.—Miss Allen and sister. From London for Yokohama.—Mr. F. Mück. Per *Camorta*, str., from Singapore.—Mrs. Korff, Miss Mailard, and 8 Chinese. Per *Oanfa*, str., from Singapore, &c.—80 Chinese. Per *Pakshan*, str., from Singapore.—264 Chinese.
 Per *China*, str., from Saigon.—2 Chinese.
 Per *Manning*, str., from Manila.—Mr. H. Grant, and 3 Chinese.
 Per *Orus*, str., from Shanghai for Hongkong.—Mr. Clifford. From Woonung.—Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, Messrs. Dallas, Chu Yu Che, Pond, V. B. Hahn, Richter, Hart Buck, A. Leslie, Salamon, Clifford and servant, So Koo San, Machado, Salow, Marques, Cadomes, Guende, Kimura, and Vowell, and 1 Chinese. From Shanghai for Marseilles.—Mr. Lefebvre. From Woonung for Saigon.—Messrs. L. Brize, E. Marrot, and Delatasse. For Marseilles.—Messrs. E. Feigussou, Teeng Wing Ping, Zu Kiang Seng, Dick, Schellhaus, Murensau, Hayashi, Schigo, Benke, Ishida, Ashikawa, Leroux, Appert, Nakadi, Sakay, Sugita Taro, Watanabe, and Muraou.
DEPARTED.
 Per *Dardanus*, str., for Amoy, &c.—8 Europeans and 60 Chinese.
 Per *Activo*, str., for Hongkong.—Chinese.
 Per *Soochow*, str., for Hongkong.—50 Chinese.
 Per *Djemnah*, str., for Shanghai from Marseilles.—Messrs. Alph. Leblais, Aug. Philippe, and R. P. Rathoms. For Kobe.—Mr. Pelletin. From Colombo.—Messrs. Aleuti, Dhammatbala, and Nagusch. From Marseilles for Yokohama.—Colonel and Mrs. Marchal, Mr. and Mrs. Revillon, Messrs. G. W. Harbon, Q. Egli, S. Suychiro, F. Varenne, P. Longin, G. Keiffinger, Jo. Hassé Myoshito, Bouffé, G. Goyer, H. Liler, and G. From Singapore.—Mr. Siboyat. From Saigon.—Mr. Croyot.
 Per *Diamante*, str., for Manila.—2 Europeans.
 Per *Formosa*, str., for Amoy.—1 European and 50 Chinese.
 Per *Chowfa*, str., for Bangkok.—10 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
 Per *Taisang*, str., for Singapore, &c.—2 Europeans.

REPORTS.

The German steamship *China* reports that she left Saigon on the 30th ultimo. Had fine weather with light and moderate north-east monsoon.
 The British steamship *Pakshan* reports that she left Singapore on the 25th ultimo. Had moderate north-east and northerly winds and head sea throughout.
 The British steamship *Nansing* reports that she left Manila on the 1st instant. Had moderate monsoon and fine weather till with 150 miles of port, then strong wind and sea, with overcast sky and drizzling rain.
 The British steamship *Oanfa* reports that she left Glasgow, via Liverpool, and Singapore on the 27th ultimo. The first part of the passage from Singapore had strong north-east monsoon and head sea; and the latter part moderate winds and fine weather.
 The British steamship *Metapella* reports that she left Nagasaki on the 29th ultimo at 3 p.m. Experienced fresh to strong north-east monsoon and confused sea to Turnabout; thence to port had fresh monsoon with moderate sea; arrived here yesterday morning at 5.30 o'clock.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
 For Hainan, Per *Marie*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 5.00 P.M.
 For Europe, &c., Australia, India, via Madras.—Per *Orus*, on Wednesday, the 6th instant, at 11.00 A.M.
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 For Manila.—Per *Nansing*, on Wednesday, the 6th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.
 AMIGO, German steamer, 771, T. A. Bruhn, 31st Jan., Kobe 25th Jan., Coals.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
 APENRABE, German steamer, 1,473, Hohlmann, 21st Jan., Nagasaki 17th Jan., Coal.—Wieler & Co.
 BATAVIA, British steamer, 2,548, Hugh W. Auld, 23rd Jan., Vancouver 25th Dec., Yokohama 16th January, and Kobe 18th, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.
 BELLOIC, British steamer, 4,211, W. H. Walker, 31st Jan., San Francisco 5th Jan., and Yokohama 26th, Mails and General.—O. & O. S. S. Co.
 BENLARO, British steamer, 2,265, Freeman, 21st Jan., Cardiff 4th Dec., and Singapore 14th Jan., Coals.—Gibb, Living & Co.
 BISOGNO, Italian steamer, 1,499, Tognasso, 30th January, Bombay, and Singapore 22nd Jan., General.—Carlowitz & Co.
 CICERO, British steamer, 1,030, George, 1st Feb., Bangkok 23rd January, Rice and Wood.—Chinese.
 CITY OF NEW YORK, American steamer, 3,029, R. R. Searle, 29th Jan., San Francisco 29th Dec., and Yokohama 23rd Jan., Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.
 DECIMA, German steamer, 955, W. Breitung, 28th Jan., Singapore 18th Jan., Sugar.—Siemens & Co.
 DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654, J. M. Marquet, 1st Feb., Manila 19th Jan., General.—Brandao & Co.
 DORIS, German steamer, 771, F. Raben, 1st Feb., Quinhon 27th Jan., and Tournon 29th, Salt.—Wieler & Co.
 FALKENBURG, German steamer, 939, H. Weber, 24th Jan., Holbow 23rd Jan., General.—Melchers & Co.
 FAME, British steamer, 1,174, A. Stopand.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
 FUSHIKI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,219, Franck, 25th Jan., Nagasaki 19th January, Coals.—M. B. Kaishia.
 GWALIOR, British steamer, 1,602, J. W. Nantes, 1st Feb., Bombay 19th Jan., and Singapore 25th, General.—O. & O. S. S. Co.
 HAIPHONG, British steamer, 1,122, H. C. H. Harris, 1st Jan., Kobe 25th January, General and Coal.—D. Laprak & Co.
 HAITAN, British steamer, 1,183, S. Ashton, 30th Jan., Foochow 27th Jan., Amoy 28th, and Swatow 29th, General.—D. Laprak & Co.
 JOHANN, German steamer, 428, H. Binge, 29th Jan., Macao 29th Jan., General.—Wieler & Co.
 KONO BENI, British steamer, 862, R. Jones, 30th Jan., Bangkok 22nd Jan., Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
 MARIE, German steamer, 704, C. A. Hundewadt, 29th Jan., Halphong 27th Jan., A. R. Marty.
 MELITA, German steamer, 339, H. Mörck, 9th Jan., Halphong 5th Jan., Rice.—Wieler & Co.
 PEKING, German steamer, 954, G. Heuermann, 29th Jan., Whampoa 29th Jan., General.—Siemens & Co.
 PROVINCIA, British steamer, 1,095, Mackenzie, 29th Jan., Kudat 8th Jan., and Singapore 21st, Timber.—Captain.
 TAIKANG, British steamer, 1,505, W. H. Jackson, 29th Jan., Calcutta, and Singapore 21st Jan., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 TAIYUAN, British steamer, 1,500, A. Vanden, 13th Jan., Wellington, N.Z., 24th Nov., and Sourabaya 25th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 VICTORIA, British steamer, 1,830, Coundon, 1st Feb., Nagasaki 27th January, Coals.—Mitsui Bussan Kaishia.
SAILING VESSELS.
 ADAM W. SPIES, American bark, 1,171, A. D. Field, 2nd Jan., Newcastle, N.S.W., 3d Dec., Coals.—Russell & Co.
 ANNA BERTHA, German bark, 493, H. Nielsen, 2nd Feb., Keelung 31st January, Coal.—Russell & Co.
 AUGUSTA, German bark, 473, Jessen, 5th Dec., Hilo 18th Nov., Sanpanwood.—Ed. Schellhaus & Co.
 BENAGAO, British bark, 544, Scott, 17th Jan., Singapore 24th Sept., Timber.—Melchers & Co.
 COLOMA, American bark, 852, C. M. Wages, 24th Dec., Portland (Oregon) 2nd Nov., Lumber and Spars.—Captain.
 ENK, British bark, 778, W. Summers, 23rd Jan., London 2nd October, General.—Melchers & Co.
 ERLKONING, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination-hulk, Stonecutters' Island.—Chinese Customs.
 ESCORT, American bark, 636, Waterhouse, 20th Jan., Honolulu 14th December, Ballast.—Captain.
 JOHN NICHOLSON, British steamer, 685, W. Quinn, 18th Dec., Honolulu 16th Nov., Ballast.—Captain.
 STATE OF MAINE, American ship, 1,467, Nickels, 1st Feb., Shanghai 27th Jan., General.—Pustak & Co.

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 Hongkong, 29th January, 1889.

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Iphigenia	Hamburg	February 4th	Siemens & Co.
Glenlyon	London	February 9th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Maria Teresa	Trieste	February 9th	Austro-Hung. Lloyd's Co.
Cardiganhire	London	February 9th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Khiva	Bombay	February 10th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Menelaus	Liverpool	February 10th	Butterfield & Swire.
City of Peking	San Francisco	February 15th	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.
Parthia	Vancouver	February 20th	Adamson, Bell & Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Peninsular.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 13th, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Diomed.	Butterfield & Swire.	February 7th.
Marseilles, via Saigon, &c.	Oxus.	Messageries Maritimes.	Feb. 6th, at noon.
Havre, Hamburg, &c.	Merionethshire.	Adamson, Bell & Co.	February 7th.
Bremen, & Ports of Call.	Hesperia.	Siemens & Co.	Feb. 8th, at noon.
Genoa, via Bombay, &c.	Braunschweig.	Melchers & Co.	Feb. 17th, at 10 a.m.
Trieste, via Straits, &c.	Blasigno.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Feb. 8th.
New York, via Panama	Maria Teresa.	Austro-Hung. Lloyd's Co.	Feb. 16th, at noon.
San Francisco, via Panama	City of New York.	Adamson, Bell & Co.	About Feb. 15th.
Vancouver, B.C., via A. & C.	Belgie.	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Feb. 6th, at 1 p.m.
Sydney, Melbourne, &c.	Batavia.	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Feb. 13th, at 1 p.m.
Calcutta, via Straits.	Tainan.	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Feb. 9th, at noon.
Straits and Bombay.	Gwalior.	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 8th, at 4 p.m.
Sandakan, &c., via S'pore.	Memnon.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.
Nagasaki, Kobe, & Y'ama.	Candler.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	Cardiganhire.	Adamson, Bell & Co.	February 10th.
Shanghai.	Menelaus.	Butterfield & Swire.	February 17th.
Shanghai.	Achilles.	Siemens & Co.	Feb. 6th, at 4 p.m.
Manila.	Nansing.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 6th, at 3 p.m.
Coast Ports.	Helian.	Douglas Laprak & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.
Swatow and Amoy.	Pakshan.	Hop Hing Hong.	To-morrow, at 6 p.m.

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